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CPSC OIG Issues Semiannual Report for the First Half of FY 2021

BETHESDA – Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued their semiannual report for the reporting period ending on March 31st 2021. The OIG is required to report semiannually on its activities to Congress and the American people. This includes providing detailed information on reports and investigations issued during the reporting period and on the agency's progress in completing IG recommended actions to improve programs and functions throughout the agency.

The CPSC OIG is pleased to report that it has completed both statutorily required audits and reports as well as various investigations, program audits, and a report on the agency's transition to mandatory fulltime telework. Notably, the OIG was able to complete an audit, through a contractor, of the agency's NEISS program and issued 12 recommendations to improve the data quality of this foundational CPSC program. The OIG continues to encourage the CPSC to close recommendations and looks forward to the next reporting period when it hopes to see an improvement of the recommendation closure rate. During this most recent reporting period, management closed only five recommendations, all made relatively recently. In fact, in the past year, the CPSC has closed only one recommendation more than two years old. Over the past five reporting periods, the closure rate has shown a steady decline.

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